



By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for registering of Knights.



Whereas We haue taken knowledge of many & great inconueniences, daily arising for want of an exact Roll kept in the Office of Armes, of such as haue receiued from Us the Order of Knighthood, whereby some haue presumed to challenge that dignitie, vpon whom the same was neuer conferred, and amongst them that were indeede knighted, often questions arise for precedence, which cannot be decided for want of a Record kept thereof: For redresse wherof we directed our Letters, dated the fifteenth day of May last, to our right trustie and right welbeloued Cousin and Counsellor, Thomas Earle of Arundel and Surrey, our Earle Marshall of England, That, according as appertaineth to that his office, hee should take order therein. Neuerthelesse, by reason of the slacknesse and negligence of such as haue bene by Us advanced vnto that degree, in not giuing notice thereof to the said Earle Marshall or his Deputie, our said Letters haue not taken effect according to our intent. Wee doe therefore hereby publish and declare our Royall pleasure, and doe straitly charge and command, That all such persons, as since the said fifteenth day of May last past haue receiued that dignitie, shall within three moneths after the publishing of this our Proclamation, and all others that shall hereafter receiue the like dignitie from Us, or any our Lieutenants, shall within one moneth after they haue receiued the same, within this our Realme of England, or within one moneth next after their comming into this Realme, if they receiue the same out of the Realme, bring, or cause to be brought, a sufficient Certificate thereof, and of the time thereof, to our Earle Marshall of England for the time being, or to such other person or persons as hee shall appoint, to the ende the same may bee registred in a Roll, to bee therefore kept in the Office of Armes, vpon paine that euery person neglecting to bring such Certificate, shall lose the benefit of his due precedence, and in all Commissions, imployments, and places, shall be ranked after such as, vpon like Certificate brought, shall be registred before them. And wee doe likewise signifie and declare our pleasure to be, That all such as, at any time before the sayd fifteenth day of May last past, did receiue the said Order of Knighthood at our hands, shall at any time hereafter bring such Certificate, as aforesaid, and shall haue the same registred, as aforesaid, for clearing all controuerxies and questions that may arise touching their precedence.

Giuen at our Court at Windsor the five and twentieth day of April, in the one and twentieth yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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